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MEMORANDUM FOR: Harry E. Fitzwater

Deputy Director for Administration

FROM:

1983 Summer Fellow

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SUBJECT:

Gathering Intelligence: A National Priority: CIA Summer Perspective, Proposed Article for Newspaper U.S.A. Today and Washington Times

NOTE:

Provide any Comments or Constructive Criticisms

Americans by nature are very patriotic towards the United States of America; however, they seem to take the National Security of the country for granted. Why is this so? Have we become a satisfied and competent people who have no fears of foreign invaders? Should this really be taken for granted? Americans in the past, and have for so long, enjoyed a high standard of living, happiness, freedom of choice, excellent career opportunities, and democracy. This quality of life can only be maintained when the United States of America maximizes the national security of the country absence from foreign invaders. Remember when Japan attacked Pearl Harbor in 1941, it was a total shock to all Americans and government officials. Many people do not realize that the quality of life is often protected by an invisible branch of Government namely CIA.

This willingness to protect the U.S.A. at all cost requires the selective gathering of information, better known as, Intelligence. In other words, intelligence is a selective piece of information that is gathered, analyzed, evaluated and submitted to policy decision makers to protect the security of the United States.

The CIA is a major government organization primarly responsible for gathering of intelligence and protection of sources and methods. The Agency does not set policy, however, policy is determined by senior government officials. It is the responsibility of many Americans to protect the security of the U.S.A. This responsibility also provides an opportunity to serve your country and at the same time have an exciting career. Specifically no school or college teaches intelligence as a skill. One has to be dedicated and loyal toward the United States of America and work for the Government (CIA) as an intelligence officer. A career in intelligence is unusually rewarding.

A job or career in CIA offers many occupational directions. Diversified career opportunities exist for accountants, biographic analysts, agricultural specialists, cartographers, clerk-typists, communication specialists, couriers, computer specialists,

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economists, geographers, engineers, electronic technicians, librarians, logistics experts, mathematicians, military analysts, photo interpreters, political analysts, physical scientists, physicians, radio operators, security officers, stenographics, training officers, and weapon analysts. Undoubtedly, few public or private organizations offer such a varied career path as does the CIA. For those persons who can pass its rigorous employment and security requirements, the CIA has a professional Intelligence career path suitable for you. Interested Americans will want to pursue diversified job opportunities with the federal Government namely the CIA.

The CIA is an elite, well organized, competent, professional organization whose goal is to develop a high level of security for the United States. Americans should be proud the Agency is totally committed to doing an excellent job for protection of this country. Americans are enjoying an excellent standard of living, freedom of choice, and happiness. This quality of life enjoyed by most Americans would be impossible if it were not for an organization like the Central Intelligence Organization.

In conclusion, I have recently participated in the 1983 CIA Summer Fellowship Program in the Office of Finance and have reported my view on Gathering Intelligence a National Priority.

The Agency for the past four summers (1980, 1981, 1982, and 1983) has successfully sponsored a fellowship program which places professors of predominantly black colleges in the CIA during the summer months. The basic objective of the summer program is to improve their expertise enabling them to prepare students for the challenges of corporate and government worlds.

I feel the summer experience with CIA has been most rewarding. The tour of duty has given me increased respect for the Agency and the highest respect for its administrators. It was a great opportunity to work with the best.



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